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DWR Releases Draft Conduit Exemption Applications for Alamo Powerplant and Mojave Siphon Powerplant

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has released the Draft Initial Consultation Documents (ICD) for applying to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for approval to convert the existing 17 megawatt (MW) Alamo Powerplant (APP) and the existing 32.4 MW Mojave Siphon Powerplant (MSPP), both located on the East Branch of the California State Water Project, to conduit exemptions. The ICDs are available for review at: <http://www.water.ca.gov/hlpco/p2426.cfm>.

The ICDs are provided to comply with first stage consultation requirements under 18 CFR §4.38 and consist of the draft conduit exemption application for APP and MSPP and the associated draft application to make conforming amendments to the South SWP Hydropower Project No. 2426 (P-2426) license. Both the MSPP and APP are existing licensed facilities under P-2426.

The proposed conduit exemptions will not involve any new construction or changes in the operation of the existing generating facilities. The applications to convert the licensed MSPP and APP facilities to conduit exemptions will simply request FERC approval to change the authorizations under which each facility operates as provided for in the Federal Power Act. The changes in authorizations will have no environmental effects. The draft license amendment application requests FERC approval to remove the MSPP and APP and associated lands from the P-2426 license, modify or eliminate the associated maps and facility design drawing exhibits from the P-2426 license, and reduce the authorized installed capacity under P-2426.

DWR has scheduled joint agency public meetings in July of 2013 to seek input from agencies, Native American tribes, and the public that may be interested in the proposed conduit exemption applications. Further details on these meetings and the conduit exemption process are provided under the “Notice of Availability of Initial Consultation Documents” section for each respective facility at: <http://www.water.ca.gov/hlpco/p2426.cfm>.

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